

House Resolution No. 1907

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exceptional entrepreneurs in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Mary Hostetter of Kimmswick has owned and operated the Blue Owl Restaurant for nearly two decades; and

Whereas, opened in August 1985 with five employees, Mary Hostetter's business venture now employs seventy-five hard-working individuals at the original location and in the additions known as The Owl's Nest, The Texas Tearoom, Lucianna's Tearoom, and Ms. Mary's Veranda; and

Whereas, no stranger to honors and accolades, Mary Hostetter received Restaurateur of the Year 1997 for the Greater Saint Louis Area from the Greater Saint Louis Restaurant Association, and in 1998 she earned Women of Achievement recognition; and

Whereas, the Great Flood of 1993 caused the evacuation of the Blue Owl Restaurant until volunteers and National Guard troops were able to construct an earthen levee outside the back door of the restaurant to keep the waters at bay; and

Whereas, March 2000 brought a welcomed change to Mary Hostetter's life with her marriage to her beloved Jerry in the presence of their children and grandchildren, a heartwarming event which was soon followed in June 2000 by a beautiful celebration of her parents' golden wedding anniversary; and

Whereas, Mary Hostetter has been joined by her daughter, Kimberly, at the restaurant's bakery counter while another daughter, Kelly, works when she can take some time away from her busy college studies;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the nearly twenty years of gustatory services provided by Mary Hostetter and her loyal, creative staff at the Blue Owl Restaurant and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Mary Hostetter of Kimmswick, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Ryan McKenna
District No. 102

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1907, adopted April 20, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker